



Figure 7.3. Annual ex-vessel value (inflated) for bay scallops from selected water bodies, North Carolina, 1994-2004. DMF Trip Ticket Program.

7.1.4 PARTICIPANTS

The North Carolina trip ticket program enables managers to monitor fishing activity at the trip level, and gives an indication of how many people participate in a fishery. The number of participants in the bay scallop fishery depends greatly on the availability of bay scallops for harvest. North Carolina fishermen are noted for being opportunistic, switching between fisheries based on their understanding of which fishery will provide them the greatest return for their efforts. Since the trip ticket program began in 1994, participants ranged from a high of 284 in 1995 when bay scallops were more plentiful to only one participant in 2004 when landings were extremely low.

Table 7.3. Number of participants and annual ex-vessel landings value for bay scallops, North Carolina, 1994-2004. DMF Trip Ticket Program.

Annual Ex-Vessel Value	Year										
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
< \$100	23	35	13	10	18	9	11	9	12	15	0
\$100.01 - \$500	108	97	28	28	38	24	21	9	26	29	1
\$500.01 - \$1,000	29	52	14	20	20	17	16	4	17	12	0
\$1,000.01 - \$5,000	29	87	33	24	38	27	22	4	18	11	0
> \$5,000	2	13	1	14	20	4	2	0	1	1	0
Total Participants	191	284	89	96	134	81	72	26	74	68	1